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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4538

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: MODIFICATIONS/RENOVATIONS PROPERTY 03307

REF: (A) STATE 255735 (B) CANBERRA OM 11/13 AND (C) CANBERRA OM 11/14

FOLLOWING IS REPLY TO DEPARTMENT'S QUERIES (A) THROUGH (E)  
IN REFERENCE (A)

A. MAINS SUPPLY TO PROPERTY 03307 IS .6 SQ. IN  
UNDERGROUND COPPER CABLE OF 160 AMP CAPACITY. POST  
IN ORIGINAL SUBMISSION, BASED ON ANNEX'S ANTICIPATED  
POPULATION, WAS TO RAISE PRESENT MAIN BOARD FROM 60 AMPS  
TO 100 AMPS, AS RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL CONSULTING FIRMS.  
HOWEVER, MAXIMUM POTENTIAL OF APPROXIMATELY 150 AMPS IS  
POSSIBLE BASED ON CITED INPUT.

B. CURRENT WIRING IS OF 15 AMPERE RATING. THIS  
COULD BE ALTERED TO 20 AMPERE THROUGH SUBSTITUTION OF  
LATTER INTO EXISTING CONDUITS RECESSED IN WALLS (LEADING  
TO POWER POINTS) AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW RIGID CONDUIT  
BETWEEN FLOORS TO COVER CEILING LIGHTS. COST OF  
REPLACEMENT OF BETWEEN WALLS CONDUIT WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE.  
THE DEPARTMENT IS REMINDED THAT ALL GENERAL CIRCUITS WITHIN  
CHANCERY COMPLEX, INCLUDING PROPERTY 03307, ARE 240 VOLTS;  
AS A CONSEQUENCE EXISTING 15 AMP IS EQUIVALENT TO 30 AMP  
STATESIDE CIRCUITS IN POWER HANDLING CAPACITY. STANDARD  
RECEPTACLE AVAILABLE LOCALLY IS LIMITED TO 15 AMPS WITH ALL  
ROUTINE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES NORMALLY GEARED TO THE  
STANDARD PLUG. THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIRES  
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INSTALLATION OF SPECIAL 20 AMP RECEPTACLE AND USE OF

NON-STANDARD PLUGS ON ALL EQUIPMENT DRAWING FROM 20 AMP CIRCUITRY.

C. MATERIAL CITED IN E.9 PERTAINS TO GENERAL CEILING INSULATION AND NOT AIR CONDITIONING, AS SUCH.

D&E MATERIALS/AND INSTALLATION REFLECTED ON DRAWING SK2089/1 ARE CONFIRMED AS IDENTICAL TO THAT CITED BY DEPARTMENT, VARIANCE BEING RESTRICTED TO BRAND NAME AND LOCAL TERMINOLOGY ONLY.

BEST ESTIMATE OBTAINABLE FROM CONSULTANTS OF INCREASED COSTS OVER THAT CITED LAST PARAGRAPH REFERENCE "C" WHICH IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS A AND B ABOVE WOULD INVOLVE IS APPROXIMATELY A\$5,500 (US\$7219.85); MUCH OF WHICH WOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO LOCAL EXORBITANT LABOR COSTS. CONSULTANTS ALSO AGREE THAT APPEALS TO THE LOCAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY FOR INCREASE IN MAINS CAPACITY WOULD NOT ONLY INVOLVE LONG DELAYS BUT WOULD REQUIRE FULL EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION OF NEED FOR INCREASE SINCE THE CHANCERY COMPLEX MAINS COME ONLY TO 220 AMPS. ADDITIONALLY, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DEFRAY THE HEAVY RELATED COSTS THAT SUCH INCREASE WOULD GENERATE I.E., PUBLIC ROAD EXCAVATIONS, ETC.

ACTION REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT:

1. EMBASSY AGAIN APPEALS FOR (A) CABLE ALLOTMENT OF EMERGENCY FUNDS TO CORRECT DRAINAGE PROBLEM (REFERENCE (B)), AND (B) AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH SOLICITATION OF TENDERS TO COVER RENOVATION WORK AT PROPERTY 03307 (REFERENCE (C)). ISSUANCE OF SOLICITATION IN NOVEMBER WOULD ALLOW (1) ISSUANCE OF AWARD PRIOR TO HOLIDAY CLOSEDOWN AND (2) PLACEMENT BY SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF PRIORITY DELIVERY ORDERS FOR SITE MATERIALS FOR DELIVERY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECOMMENCEMENT REGULAR WORK SCHEDULES FOLLOWING HOLIDAY LEAVES.

2. EMBASSY PLUMBING CONTRACTORS PREPARED TO WORK AROUND THE CLOCK TO COMPLETE EMERGENCY DRAINAGE WORK, CITED UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERENCE (B), PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BUT MUST RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION PROCEED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. GREEN

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